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SUBJECT: TRWOV FRAUD BY IRAQIS

REF: STATE 287273, ATHENS 10776 AND PREVIOUS

1. APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S AND INS' DECISION TO EXCLUDE IRAQI CITIZENS FROM TRWOV PRIVILEGES. BELIEVE THIS ACTION WILL BE HELPFUL TOOL IN OVERCOMING CURRENT SPATE OF CASES INVOLVING IRAQI "REFUGEES" NOW AT ATHENS WHO ARE ATTEMPTING ENTER U.S. THROUGH EVASION NORMAL PROCESSING UNDER IMMIGRATION ACT.

2. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE FROM ATHENS 10684 OTHER MEMBERS OF SAME IRAQI GROUP ARE ATTEMPTING GAIN ENTRANCE THROUGH FRAUDULENT MARRIAGES OR AS CREW MEMBERS. AS WE RECEIVE PETITIONS FOR ALLEGED IRAQI SPOUSES WE ARE GIVING THEM CLOSE SCRUTINY AND REFERRING SUSPICIOUS ONES TO INS FOR INVESTIGATION. WE ALSO ARE CONDUCTING LOCAL INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGED ACTIVITIES OF CERTAIN SHIPPING COMPANIES. WE WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT AND INS INFORMED OF ANY RESULTS.

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3. IN LINE WITH DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTION WE HAVE AGAIN COMMUNICATED WITH AIRLINES, INFORMING THEM THAT WE EXPECT IRAQI CITIZENS TO BE EXCLUDED FROM TRWOV PRIVILEGES WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS, AND IN MEANTIME THEY MAY WISH REFER IRAQI TRANSIT PASSENGERS TO EMBASSY FOR TRANSIT VISAS.

4. WE NOTE PANAMA'S ADDITION OF BARST AND MUKAMEL TO NAMES OTHER

INDIVIDUALS IN US IDENTIFIED AS INVOLVED IN ATTEMPT TO IMPROPERLY
USE TRWOV. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH BRING THIS SUBJECT UP IN NEXT
MEETING AINL SINCE WE UNDERSTAND BARST AND MUKAMEL ARE MEMBERS,
WITH MUKAMEL A PARTICIPANT IN THE VO/AINL MEETINGS AT DEPARTMENT.

5. FOR PANAMA: CONTRARY IRAQIS' STATEMENT THAT SEVENTH PREFERENCE
PROCESSING TAKES THREE YEARS, AVERAGE TIME AT ATHENS FOR SUCCESS-
FUL CLAIMANTS TO REFUGEE STATUS IS APPROXIMATELY 4-5 MONTHS FROM
TIME REQUEST FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM SUBMITTED TO GREEK GOVERNMENT.
AS NOTED IN EARLIER TELEGRAM TO DEPARTMENT IT IS ESTIMATED BY
VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND UNHCR AT ATHENS THAT NO MORE THAN 10 PER
CENT OF IRAQI GROUP NOW IN ATHENS ABLE DEMONSTRATE FEAR OF
PERSECUTION AND THUS ELIGIBILITY FOR REFUGEE STATUS.
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